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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

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Mr. Jeffery J. Robinson  
Branch Chief, Air Permits, Monitoring & Grants Branch  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6  
1201 Elm Street, Suite 500 (ARPM)  
Dallas, TX 75270-2102

Subject: Initial Notification of a Potential Exceptional Event

Dear Mr. Robinson:

This letter serves as formal notification that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will develop and submit a demonstration to exclude 2017 and 2018 PM<sub>10</sub> air monitoring data influenced by exceptional events pursuant to 40 CFR Parts 50 and 51. This demonstration will address the following high wind dust events which occurred at site 48-141-0057 (Socorro Hueco) for parameter 81102 (PM<sub>10</sub>):

Date	Type of Event	AQS Flag*	Exceedance Concentration
04/25/2017	High Winds	RJ	188 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
05/02/2018	High Winds	RJ	158 µg/m <sup>3</sup>

*\*currently entered in AQS as Informational Flag 'IJ - High Winds'*

The data requested for exclusion has regulatory significance and affects the regulatory determination concerning the portion of El Paso County in which the Socorro Hueco air monitoring site is located, which falls just outside the area officially designated as Nonattainment by EPA against the 1987 PM<sub>10</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). The TCEQ looks forward to working with EPA Region 6 to establish a timeframe for the demonstration.

If you need any additional information, please contact me at (512) 239-0885.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy Maresh".

Cindy Maresh

Manager, Data Management Section, Monitoring Division